

3rd Sunday of Advent – Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday

Dec. 17th, 2017

St. Patrick's, Enderlin - Holy Trinity, Fingal - Our Lady of the Scapular, Sheldon



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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Please inform the parish 3 months before the birth of your child so that a Sacramental preparation may be scheduled. Thank you.

RECONCILIATION: 30 minutes before every Mass and by appointment; 15 minutes after last Sunday Mass.

MATRIMONY: Please inform the parish 7 months before any desired date for this Sacrament so that the Sacramental classes may be scheduled. See wedding policy handbook on the website under Sacraments tab.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please do not wait until you are on your death bed to be Anointed. Please plan ahead, if you are able, as the priest isn't always immediately available. If you are in doubt as to whether you should be Anointed, please contact Fr. Chris using the emergency number above.

MASS INTENTIONS December 16 – December 24

Sun Vigil: 5:00pm Sheldon – Schmitz Family *by K Bueling*

Sun: 8:30am Enderlin – *Pro Populo (For the people of the parish)*

Sun: 10:30am Fingal – Gordon Ertelt, Sr.+ *by C Rolph*

Mon: No Mass

Tue: 5:00pm Fingal – William Ertelt+ *by C Rolph*

Wed: 9:00am Sheldon – Frank Spiekermeier Family *by C&D Utke*

Thu: 10:30am Maryhill – Georgiana Maack+ *by F&P Maas*

Fri: 7:00am Enderlin – Julie Rosenberry+ *by M&J Gilbert*

Sun Vigil: 5:00pm Sheldon – Tom Spiekermeier *by OLS Altar Society*

Sun: 8:30am Enderlin – *Pro Populo (For the people of the parish)*

Sun: 10:30am Fingal – Joshua Ertelt+ *by C Rolph*

Christmas Eve: 5:00pm Sheldon – Thanksgiving for Jesus' Birth

Holy Mass Schedule – December

Saturday 5:00pm in Sheldon

Sunday 8:30am in Enderlin

Sunday 10:30am in Fingal

Holy Mass Schedule – Christmas Day

Sunday, Dec. 24 5:00pm in Sheldon

Monday, Dec. 25 8:30am in Enderlin

Monday, Dec. 25 10:30am in Fingal

Prayer for Advent

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. For all the oracles of the prophets foretold him, the Virgin Mother longed for him with love beyond all telling, John the Baptist sang of his coming and proclaimed his presence when he came. It is by his gift that already we rejoice at the mystery of his Nativity, so that he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise.

Amen.

Please email Fr. Chris any bulletin items by Wednesday

Prayer Box: Please pray for the following: Bishop Folda, Sara Walker+, Nathan Gossett+, Melrose Lulay, Bernard Cole+, Georgiana Maack+, Rosalie Buchholz, Sharon Spiekermeier, Fr. Robert Cronin, SOLT+, Marion Everhard, Darlene Offerman+, Fr. Wenceslaus Katanga, Jeanette Fitterer, Peggy Buchholz, Harlyn Kraft, Calvin and Brooke Kraft, Susan Dalos Vanyo, Fr. James Jeffrey+, Christopher Olason+, Brooke Michaelson, Josh Utke, Joe Utke, Spencer Pfaff, Marshall Bartholomay, Kelsey Marschke, Allison Bartholomay, all those in our families and everywhere far from the Mercy and Life of the Living God.



Ministers for Dec. 23rd-Dec. 24th

Sheldon **SAT. VIGIL 5:00pm**

Proclaimer: Connie Bartholomay

EMHC: Kathy Lewis

Money Counters: Barb Bartholomay & Kathy Lewis

Sheldon Church Cleaning Families

12/23/2017 Keith Bartholomay & Stacey Marschke

Enderlin **SUNDAY 8:30am**

Proclaimer: Karen Schimming

Money Counters: Cindy Iwen & Marthanna Gilbert

Fingal **SUNDAY 10:30am**

Server: Tim Holland

Proclaimer: Linda Olason

Greeters: Corrine Ertelt

EMHC: Dean Carpenter & Linda Olason



Fingal Church Cleaning Families

All of Dec: Bob & Mary Gruman, Lee & Karen Steidl, Sandra Christl

Parish Info

Thank you!

Thank you to all St. Patrick parishioners for donating to Christkindlmarkt. Your generosity made the bake sale and raffle ticket sales a success!

Christmas Decorating

After the Masses the weekend of **Dec. 16-17**. All are welcome to help.

Advent Reconciliation Services

Dec. 17 @ 4pm at St. Patrick's in Enderlin.

Dec. 19 @ 7pm at St. Aloysius in Lisbon.

Maryhill Manor Christmas Store/Market

Our Lady Altar Society will again set up a free Christmas Store for the residents at Maryhill Manor on **Dec. 18 @ 12:30pm**. The residents really appreciated this last year. Anyone who would like to help out can please call Cindy Bartholomay at 701-678-4491.

Youth Group Caroling

On **Dec. 20 @ 7pm** the youth group will head out to do some caroling. Anyone is welcome to join us. We will meet at St. Patrick's.

St. Patrick's Christmas Food Drive

Please bring non-perishable food items to the gathering space of St. Patrick's **by or on Dec. 25** to be taken to the Food Pantry in Lisbon.

Holy Trinity St. Anne's Christian Mother's Food Drive

St. Anne's will be collecting food items for the Barnes County Food Pantry until **Dec. 31**. Please leave non-perishable items in the box in the back of the church.

Saint Patrick's Epiphany Pizza Party

St. Patrick's Altar Society is hosting a pizza party after Mass on **Jan. 6** in the social hall. Please join us!

Diocesan Info

Priests/Seminarians Basketball Game

Dec. 27 @ 7pm at Shanley High School in Fargo.

Come and cheer on Fr. Chris and the priests, they need the help!

Upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekends

- **Jan. 5** in Mandan, ND

- **Feb. 2** in Hermantown, MN

Give the gift of your time and love by taking your spouse on a Marriage Encounter. Info: www.wvme.org.

Retrouvaille Weekend for Married Couples

A program to help couples heal and renew their marriages. Info: <http://retrouvaille.org/>. Other upcoming weekends: in St. Cloud – **Jan. 26-28 & Sep. 21-23**, 2018, in Bismarck – **Jan. 19-21**, 2018, in Sioux Falls – **Mar. 16-18**, 2018.

REDEEMED 2018: Save the Date

The 3rd annual REDEEMED conference will be held on **Apr. 7, 2018**, at the Scheels Arena, Fargo. Registration begins at 9am and the day concludes with a dance at 9:30pm. Due to space restrictions, the Children's Program will be held at Shanley High School (it will conclude at 4pm). The featured speaker will be Dr. Edward Sri and his presentation "Who am I to Judge?", a talk on relativism, is especially directed to our young people (High School and college students, and other young adults). For more info: www.fargodiocese.org/redeemed2018.

What does the *Catechism* say about...?

Happy 25th Birthday *Catechism of the Catholic Church!*

“51. What is the importance of affirming ‘In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth’ (Genesis 1:1)?

The significance is that creation is the foundation of all God's saving plans. It shows forth the almighty and wise love of God, and it is the first step toward the covenant of the one God with his people. It is the beginning of the history of salvation which culminates in Christ; and it is the first answer to our fundamental questions regarding our very origin and destiny.

52. Who created the world?

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are the one and indivisible principle of creation even though the work of creating the world is particularly attributed to God the Father.

53. Why was the world created?

The world was created for the glory of God who wished to show forth and communicate his goodness, truth and beauty. The ultimate end of creation is that God, in Christ, might be 'all in all' (1 Corinthians 15:28) for his glory and for our happiness. "The glory of God is man fully alive; moreover man's life is the vision of God" (Saint Irenaeus)

54. How did God create the universe?

God created the universe freely with wisdom and love. The world is not the result of any necessity, nor of blind fate, nor of chance. God created 'out of nothing' (*ex nihilo*) (2 Maccabees 7:28) a world which is ordered and good and which he infinitely transcends. God preserves his creation in being and sustains it, giving it the capacity to act and leading it toward its fulfillment through his Son and the Holy Spirit."

Summary of paragraphs 279-301 and 315-320 of the *Catechism* as found in the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*.